

weather report

72°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:28 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:38 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:28 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 48degrees
- Humidity 21 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds southwest 18 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.99 inches and falling
- Record High 74° (1974)
- Record Low 4° (1929)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 62°
- Low 32°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low mid 30s, winds southwest 5-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with 70 percent chance of snow in the night, high near 50, low near 20, winds northeast 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: cloudy with 40 percent chance of snow, high mid 20s, low near 15. Monday: cloudy with chance of snow during the day, high mid 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.02 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.91
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.58 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.30
- Loan deficiency payment — 00¢
- Milo — \$2.30 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.25 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.11
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$12.15 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$16

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Putin warns Bush on war

PUSHKIN, Russia — Russian President Vladimir Putin warned President Bush today that the United States should not wage war against Iraq on its own and suggested more needs to be done in the fight against terrorism.

"We do believe that we have to stay within the framework of the work being carried out within the United Nations," Putin said.

The Russian president, at a joint news conference with Bush, suggested there is more work to be done in the war on terrorism before confronting Iraq.

"Where has Osama bin Laden taken refuge?" Putin asked. He also noted that 15 of the 19 hijackers on Sept. 11, 2001, came from Saudi Arabia, and said the international community must keep an eye on Pakistan to make sure it is not supporting terrorists or pursuing weapons of mass destruction.

Principal and assistant tops in field

Peers pick high school administrators for honor

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland High School's principal and assistant principal are tops in northwest Kansas, according to their fellow members of the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals.

The association named Harvey Swager as high school principal honoree for 2002 and Dick Liess as assistant principal honoree.

The honors come as both men are facing major changes. Swager found out last week that he has a form of cancer and Liess is leaving in January to become a vice president of Western State Bank.

Director Gene Haydock said Swager and Liess were nominated by other principals, based on leadership, dedication, professionalism and service to students. He said this is the first time two administrators from the same



Swager



Liess

school have won at the same time.

"It was unusual," he said, "but they were the best candidates."

Haydock said the association, with more than 500 principals as members, splits the state into six regions. Every year, he said, one principal and one assistant principal from each are honored, then the association picks a principal and assistant principal of the year from across the state.

Swager said he was diagnosed with leukemia last week and hasn't been able to work since. He said the disease has caused his spleen and left shoulder to swell and pushed the white blood cell count in his blood to 400,000 from a normal count of 10,000.

Swager said on Thursday that the swelling in his spleen and shoulder has subsided a bit and his white blood cell count is down to 135,000. He said he may be back to work after Thanksgiving.

"I'm getting there," he said. "It's just going to take a little bit of time."

Swager said he's trying to stay optimistic. A new drug has been proven to be 95 to 96 percent effective for patients with the same form of leukemia he has in driving the disease into remission.

"I feel very lucky," he said, adding

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High school hires dogs to sniff for drugs, guns

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland High School administrators want experts to sniff around the school, checking lockers, cars and students for the scent of drugs, weapons, alcohol and other contraband.

The school has hired an Oklahoma firm to bring two trained dogs to the school three to four times a year.

Principal Harvey Swager said the school has given Interquest, an Oklahoma-based firm with an office in Overland Park, a list of inconvenient days, but otherwise administrators, teachers and especially students have no idea when the sniffing dogs will

show up.

When they do come, he said, the school will go into a "lock down"; no one will be allowed in or out and students will have to stay in whatever classroom they were in when the dogs arrived.

Swager said going into lock down helps for two reasons.

It will make the search of lockers, classrooms, offices, students and cars more efficient, he said, and give staff and students a chance to practice how they should react if a dangerous intruder enters the school.

The dogs are friendly, Swager

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Native gets high court seat

Iona Luckert says her daughter Marla has been an achiever ever since she was "knee-high to a grasshopper," so she wasn't too surprised when she became the second woman to be appointed to the Kansas Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Shawnee County District Judge Marla J. Luckert, a Goodland native who still has ties here, replaces Justice Fred N. Six, who is retiring at the end of his term on Jan. 13. She joins Chief Justice Kay McFarland, who was appointed to the court in 1977.

Iona said Marla, 47, graduated from Goodland High School in 1973 and later from Washburn University and Washburn Law School.

She said Marla has been chief judge of the 3rd Judicial District in Shawnee County since 2000, and a district judge since April 1992. Before that, she was with a Topeka law firm, Iona said, and served as president of the bar association for a time.

"She's just a person who's active in what she does," she said.

Tess Luckert of Goodland, Marla's aunt, said it's quite an honor for Marla and her family. Tess' husband Charles is brother to Marla's father, Bill Luckert, who now lives in Topeka with his wife. Iona said they moved from Goodland to Topeka in 1992 to be closer to their kids.

The family always knew Marla was going to do great things, Tess said, noting that she graduated at the top of her class at Washburn.

"She's always been very intelligent," she said.

Marla has other relatives who live in the Goodland area, including George and Roberta Luckert in Brewster.

Marla Luckert told a crowd in Topeka she was humbled by the responsibilities awaiting her.

"I recognize that as a justice of the Supreme Court, I will be part of the court that acts as a guardian of the Kansas Constitution, the U.S. Constitution and the laws that govern our democracy," said Luckert, who was joined by her husband and three daughters.

Luckert was among three nominees earlier this year to replace retiring Justice Edward Larson. Gov. Bill Graves appointed Lawton Nuss, 49, Salina, to fill that vacancy on the seven-member court. Larson, Lockett and Six are retiring because of the mandatory retirement age of 70.

Graves said he was anxious for Luckert's name to return to him for consideration.

"I think she'll bring both her great legal skills and her administrative ideas and vision to the supreme court at a time when the court is changing and facing some challenges," Graves said.

He said he had no problem appointing a Democrat in Luckert, who described herself as a moderate.

Iona said she and her husband are excited for their daughter.

"It's been a very proud moment at our house," she said.



Club gathers food for hungry people

Goodland's AWANA Club, which stands for Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed from a Bible passage, gathered cans and boxes of food for the Genesis Food Bank. Members (above) Nick Vinar (from back), Mac Purvis, Katelyn Coon, Elaine Reiter and Lacie Cowan handed the food to Pat Jordan, who runs Genesis, on Wednesday night at the Goodland Bible Church. Vinar and Purvis (left) helped lug the food out to Jordan's car after a short ceremony. AWANA meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday night at the church and is open to all children.

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Plains drought tightens hay supplies

WICHITA (AP) — After a summer of drought, cattlemen across the Plains are heading into the winter with hay supplies not only tight but at near record prices.

Hay production was down this year. Pastures shriveled under heat and lack of rain. The poor grazing created heavy demand for supplemental feed this summer, further diminishing winter stockpiles.

"You really need to play defense the rest of this year, because none of us know how the winter will be played out," said Tom Morgan, president of Olathe, Kan.-based Morgan Consulting Group.

That worries cattlemen like Don Hineman of Dighton, Kan., who has already cut his cattle herd by 20 percent because of the drought. He is contem-

plating cutting it another 15 percent just to make sure he has enough feed on hand to get through the winter.

"It will be kind of tight, and we will be out of feed by spring, but we should be able to make it through the winter," he said.

While alfalfa crops took heavy losses this summer in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and the Dakotas, some cool-season grasses such as fescue and brome were harvested early in eastern parts of Kansas and Nebraska before the drought took hold.

Hay prices have been relatively strong and trending higher throughout the region. In Kansas, the state reached record price levels for alfalfa hay in September and other types of hay were also approaching record levels, Morgan said. Grass hay prices remained

steady in October, while alfalfa prices fell slightly that month.

From their cattle ranch in Oklahoma, Pam Dorsey and her husband Charles followed news accounts of the western Kansas drought this summer with growing concern.

"We just felt for them because if that happened here, we'd think of what we would do," Pam Dorsey said.

So the couple contacted the Kansas Livestock Association's hay exchange. They listed some hay for sale on the association's Web site, but got no takers.

Interest in the exchange has been steady, said Todd Domer, the association's spokesman, but surprisingly, the group had fewer people signed up in need of hay than those who had some available.

School meeting

When Goodland School Board members meet on Monday, they plan to:

- Hear from Joe Mildrexl about Colby Community College associate degrees.
- Hear a report from Superintendent Marvin Selby.
- Designate People's State Bank as an official depository.
- Discuss parking at People's, which is just north of the district office on Main.
- Possibly go behind closed doors to talk about personnel matters.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the district office.